

THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington

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NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 150

TO: The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: Using U. S. Military Engineers as Contracting
Agents on AID Projects

The President would appreciate your exploring the possibility of expanding the use of our military engineers as contracting and supervisory agents on AID projects.

He is aware that the Army Corps of Engineers and the Navy's Bureau of Yards and Docks are now working very effectively in this capacity on a number of projects. He recognizes that there may be situations where, for political or economic reasons, we can not use the engineers this way. However, he believes that we should take advantage of their skill and excellent reputation wherever possible and that some expansion of their activities may be of considerable value to our aid programs.

Would you please review the opportunities and problems in this field and report your recommendations to the President by 1 June.

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